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Request For Continued Examination (RCE) Transmittal Address to: MS RCE Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450	Application Number	09/704093-Conf #3451
	Filing Date	November 1, 2000
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	Art Unit	2155
	Examiner Name	B. R. Bruckart
	Attorney Docket Number	SMO-039RCE/P5130

This is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 CFR 1.114 of the above-identified application. Request for Continued Examination (RCE) practice under 37 CFR 1.114 does not apply to any utility or plant application filed prior to June 8, 1995, or to any design application.

1. **Submission required under 37 CFR 1.114** Note: If the RCE is proper, any previously filed unentered amendments and amendments enclosed with the RCE will be entered in the order in which they were filed unless applicant instructs otherwise. If applicant does not wish to have any previously filed unentered amendment(s) entered, applicant must request non-entry of such amendment(s).

a. ☐ Previously submitted. If a final Office action is outstanding, any amendments filed after the final Office action may be considered as a submission even if this box is not checked.

i. ☐ Consider the arguments in the Appeal Brief or Reply Brief previously filed on _____

ii. ☐ Other _____

b. ☒ Enclosed

i. ☒ Amendment/Reply

ii. ☐ Information Disclosure Statement (IDS)

iii. ☐ Affidavit(s)/Declaration(s)

iv. ☐ Other _____

2. **Miscellaneous**

a. ☐ Suspension of action on the above-identified application is requested under 37 CFR 1.103(c) for a period of _____ months. (Period of suspension shall not exceed 3 months; Fee under 37 CFR 1.17(i) required)

b. ☐ Other _____

3. **Fees** The RCE fee under 37 CFR 1.17(e) is required by 37 CFR 1.114 when the RCE is filed.

a. ☒ The Director is hereby authorized to charge the following fees, or credit any overpayments, to Deposit Account No. 12-0080. I have enclosed a duplicate copy of this sheet.

i. ☒ RCE fee required under 37 CFR 1.17(e)

ii. ☒ Extension of time fee (37 CFR 1.136 and 1.17)

iii. ☐ Other _____

b. ☐ Check in the amount of \$ _____ enclosed

c. ☐ Payment by credit card (Form PTO-2038 enclosed)

SIGNATURE OF APPLICANT, ATTORNEY, OR AGENT REQUIRED

Signature	<i>John S. Curran</i>	Date	October 26, 2004
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Dated: October 26, 2004

Signature: *John S. Curran* (John S. Curran)

PATENT APPLICATION FEE DETERMINATION RECORD

Effective October 1, 2000

Application or Docket Number

09/704093

CLAIMS AS FILED - PART I

	(Column 1)	(Column 2)
TOTAL CLAIMS	35	
FOR	NUMBER FILED	NUMBER EXTRA
TOTAL CHARGEABLE CLAIMS	35 minus 20=	*
INDEPENDENT CLAIMS	3 minus 3 =	*
MULTIPLE DEPENDENT CLAIM PRESENT <input type="checkbox"/>		

* If the difference in column 1 is less than zero, enter "0" in column 2

CLAIMS AS AMENDED - PART II

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	Independent	• 2	Minus	... 3	=
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AMENDMENT B	CLAIMS REMAINING AFTER AMENDMENT		HIGHEST NUMBER PREVIOUSLY PAID FOR		PRESENT EXTRA
	Total	• 16	Minus	.. 31	= 0
	Independent	•	Minus	... 2	= 0
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	(Column 1)		(Column 2)		(Column 3)
AMENDMENT C	CLAIMS REMAINING AFTER AMENDMENT		HIGHEST NUMBER PREVIOUSLY PAID FOR		PRESENT EXTRA
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	Independent	•	Minus	...	=
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- ** If the "Highest Number Previously Paid For" IN THIS SPACE is less than 20, enter "20."
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OTHER THAN SMALL ENTITY

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BASIC FEE	355.00
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X40=	
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TOTAL	

OR

RATE	FEE
BASIC FEE	710.00
X\$18=	
X80=	
+270=	
TOTAL	

SMALL ENTITY OR

OTHER THAN SMALL ENTITY

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+135=	
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TOTAL ADDIT. FEE	

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